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SUBJ: ALLEGATIONS AGAINST BURMAH TANKERS: PRESS TREATMENT

SO FAR ONLY YOMIURI SHIMBUN HAS FEATURED ALLEGATIONS OF MISCONDUCT
LODGED AGAINST BURMAH TANKERS. OTHER MASS CIRCULATION NEWSPAPERS,
INCLUDING THE ENGLISH LANGUAGE PAPERS, HAVE CARRIED THIRD AND
FOURTH PAGE STORIES BASED ON NEW YORK TIMES ARTICLE, REPORTING
OFFICIAL DENIALS ISSUED BY THE PARTY CONCERNED, OR OUTLINING FAIRLY
STRAIGHT FORWARDLY THE HISTORY AND COMPLEXITIES OF THE JAPAN-
INDONESIA LNG PROJECT. IN VIEW OF THE OVERWHELMING ATTENTION BEING
PAID TO THE STRUGGLE BETWEEN PRIME MINISTER MIKI AND HIS LIBERAL
DEMOCRATIC PARTY RIVALS, WE WOULD NOT ANTICIPATE THE BURMAH TAN-
KERS' STORY TO ESCALATE INTO A MAJOR ISSUE IN THE PUBLIC MEDIA
UNELSS HARDER EVIDENCE SURFACES NAMING SPECIFIC JAPANESE "HIGH
OFFICIALS" AS RECIPIENTS OF SUBSTANTIAL BRIBES.
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